16. The SAN of claim 14, wherein the manager digital data processor that is coupled to the host digital data processors via a second network.

17. The SAN of claim 14, wherein the agents identify attributes of the storage units coupled to the respective hosts via one or more adapters on the respective host.

18. The SAN of claim 14, wherein the zones are defined by any of switches or switch-like interfaces on any of the first network, the host digital data processors and the storage devices.

19. The SAN of claim 18, wherein the first network comprises fiber channel media.

20. The SAN of claim 19, wherein the second network comprises an IP network.

21. A method of determining topology of at least a portion of a storage area network (SAN) spanned by one or more regions, comprising:

identifying, for each region, one or more components contained within that region and their connectivity to generate information regarding topology of that region, and

collating the information regarding topology of the one or more regions to determine topology of the portion of the SAN spanned by those regions.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of identifying regions having one or more common endpoints, where the endpoints include any of components and component ports.

23. The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of identifying as a SAN, a set of regions each of which has one or more common storage device ports with at least one other region of that set.